

help me pay the arrears that we owe to the United Nations in peacekeeping. Even our own forces who went to Somalia can't be fully reimbursed in large measure because the United States owes more debt to the peacekeeping fund than any other country.

So I believe being involved with other nations in peacekeeping is a good way of burden sharing. After all, we only have—I think fewer than one percent of the forces involved in peacekeeping in the world now are American forces. We have about 5 percent of the world's population. We have less than one percent of the world's forces involved in peacekeeping.

So while we pay a little more than I think we should, our commitment in terms of manpower is less than our population would appear to warrant and certainly than our military capacity would. So we have been advantaged by multinational peacekeeping, and I will support it. I do think we need to have higher standards, and that will be in my directive when it comes out.

Q. Sir, when do you sign the——

The President. I'm not sure. We're working—we're very close. We've been working on it for a long time as you noted.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:51 a.m. in the Roosevelt Room at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to Ambassador Charles Redman, U.S. Special Envoy for the Former Yugoslavia. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

Statement on Disaster Assistance for California

April 15, 1994

Our administration is doing everything we can to respond to the continuing needs of individuals, families, businesses, and communities arising from the January earthquake. California's economic future depends in part on a strong recovery from the earthquake, and the loans and other assistance included in this package will help considerably. Our departments and agencies will continue to monitor events in California and take whatever actions are needed to meet Federal responsibilities there.

NOTE: This statement was part of a White House press release on disaster assistance for California.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

April 11

The President declared a major disaster exists in Virginia following severe winter storms that struck the State on March 1 to 5, and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts.

April 13

The President announced his intention to appoint Evelyne Villines, Gary Krump, Leonard Vincent, and Donald Wedewer as members to the Committee for Purchase from the Blind and Other Severely Handicapped.

April 14

The President declared a major disaster exists in Tennessee and ordered Federal funds to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the areas struck by rainfall and flash flooding on March 25 through April 3.

The President announced his intention to nominate Philip Edward Coyle, III, to be the Director of Operational Test and Evaluation at the Department of Defense.

The President announced his intention to nominate Manuel Trinidad Pacheco as a member of the National Security Education Board.

The President also announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the American Battle Monuments Commission:

- Hugh Carey;
- Evelyn Pat Foote;
- Gabriel Guerra-Mondragon;
- Rolland Kidder;
- Douglas Kinnard;
- Alfred Los Banos;
- Tom Lyons;